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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRÉTARIAT.

Serial Nos. Five only

Part B for July 19.

SUBJECT.

Mineral licenses and leases applied for and held by Messrs Oakley Bowden & Co.

Ser25) To, The Director, Dept of Mines & Geology,
No G476 dt 8.7.19.
Sanctions the grant of a mining lease to Messrs Oakley Bowden & Co for chrome in Nellore Distt

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

(Geol)

NOTES.

File No. 31-18

FILE HEADING.

Mineral licences & leases applied for & held by Messrs Oakley Bowden & Co

From

The Offg Director, Dept of Geology.

No. 583 Dated 23-8-18 Received 24-8-18

Diary No. 2458	Enclos. 2 Spare Copies.	Serial No. 2

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

States that Messrs Oakley, Bowden & Co have applied for the renewal of prospecting licence no 463 held by them for magnetite & chromite over a block in Doddakatur village in Mysore Taluk, but the Inamdar of the village protests against the grant of renewal of the licence as prospecting operations were carried on without his consent as required by the rules & suggests that the application for the renewal may be held in abeyance until the dispute between the licensee & the Inamdar is settled.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

Submitted
AHS 31-8-18

Dy Secy to Govt

Offg Director

The applicants may be asked what they have to say about the complaint preferred against their operations and the question considered on receipt of reply

Chief Secy

Dy Secy
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From The offg Director, Dept of Geology
No 734 dt 12-9-8
forwards in continuation of fl 2, an application from Messrs Oakley Bowden & Co, Madras for a mining lease over two strips of land selected within the area emplied in their prospecting license No 46 in the Nellore Taluk and recommends for reasons given that the applicants may be informed that the application will be taken into consideration on their submitting satisfactory evidence to show that none of the inamdars have any objection to their carrying on prospecting or mining operations in the land.

2 Submitted forwards with a copy of the rules. Reference paragraph 3 supra.

AHB. 17-9-18 (5 Chief Sec.)

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6 It seems to me that a mining lease on one of the blocks may be granted.

7 It does not seem to be the concern of govt. to settle the disputes between the lessee & the Inamdar. It is stated that litigation is going on about the subject.

Extraordinary

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8 I shd like the Legis. Branch

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27-9-18.

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occupant, holder or tenant thereof for all such damage or injury Therefore the lessee will have to arrange with the inamdar who about entering upon the lands there does not seem to be any objection to grant a mining lea with respect of one block. Govt may also renew the prospecting license under rule 14 of the rule

8/1/15

12 Forwarded unofficially with compliments of this Government. Advocate for favourable opinion

By order
Secretary
1/1/15 Archivist

G. O. No. 33-18 Protection 8 20.12.18.

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13 The Mining license gives the licensee the right of Entry underground for the purpose of Searching for, working & Carrying away Minerals and the Mining lease gives the lessee the exclusive right to the poss. underground & to such of the Minerals therein as are included in the Mining lease

Ch. Sect. Offr.

Geo 21/12/15 4 pm

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Neither the licensee nor the lessee will be Entitled to the Surface rights unless such right have been obtained from the owner thereof Either by lease or by purchase This is clearly Stated & provided for in the rules & forms relating to Prospecting licenses & leases - Govt are not concerned with the dispute inter se between the owners of Surface rights & the lessees of underground rights The pendency of a Suit between does not affect the question that is before Govt

V.S.D. 2-1-19

Submitted

H.H.S. 1-1-19. HG 2/1/19 ~~Dft saying Govt will be~~

14 The Director may be informed that the dispute between the licensees and the Inamdar ~~does not~~ does not affect the grant of a license or lease for underground rights and that Govt are prepared to grant a mining lease over one of the blocks and as ked to ascertain from the applicants in respect of which block they would like to have the lease

Chief Secy 15 2 Minutes

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30-1-19

17 Action may be taken as proposed
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17 For Dy Secy
Submitted with a draft
HHS
5-3-19 19 to me
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20 To The Director of Mines & Geology
No C 20630 dy 14-3-19
States that the dispute referred to does not affect the grant of a licence or lease, & the licensee may be informed that a lease will be granted over one of the blocks & that it may be ascertained in respect of which block they would like to have the lease.

Sub A

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
MINOR
28 MAR 1919

24 From the same office
No 3593 dy 17-6-19
Recommends that sanction may be accorded to the grant of a mining lease to the applicants over the area selected & requests orders as to steps to be taken for the survey & demarcation of the block etc & also requests orders as to whether the Deputy Commissioner of Mysore may be instructed to take steps for the acquisition of

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lands comprised in less mining block marked as ler acquisition of the lands in question is necessary to schedule of records. Kind attention is invited to paragraph 18 of the rules in Genl file no 31-18-21.

AHS. 21-6-19

21 The company were asked to select one of the five blocks they applied for in August last. (Vide Sl. 20). They have now chosen to have block A on the plan. A lease may be issued on the block.

24 Yes. This may be done

22 The company previously applied for the acquisition of the land comprised in their prospecting license. When the question came up for orders in March 19 the license had expired and also they had been asked to select one of the blocks. As there were then no rights on the land vested in the company acquisition was considered unnecessary. (Vide para 18 of rules in file 31-18-21).

23 As the grant of the lease will have given fresh rights now it may be necessary to acquire the surface rights from the landowners, he proves obstructive, to keep the lessee to carry on operations on his block.

25 Have he to await application for prospecting license after issue of P.L. to him?

Yes 23/6.

8051-197 23-6-19

(second member) Vide marginal remarks

26 Prop. grant lease and say orders will issue [illegible] if lessee submits necessary affdt. Yes 25/6.

Seal 25-6-19

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27 Submitted with a draft as desired.

H.H.S. 28.6.19

28 Draft may be approved

Rue 1/7

29.29 1.7.19

Second Member)

Draft approved

Rue 3.7.19

30 Done

Rue

25 To

The Director Dept of Mines & Geol.

G. 496 D 8.7.1919

Sanctions the grant of a mining lease to Messrs Cackley Bowden & Co for chrome in Mysore &c.

CHIEF SECRETARIAT. IV MINOR... 10 JUL 1919

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Camp Sakleshpur, 18th Aug. 1918.
~~BANGALORE~~,.....191

No. 583

FROM B. Jayaram, Esq., F.G.S.,
~~Dr. W. F. SMEETH, M.A., D.Sc., A.R.S.M., etc.~~,
Offg. *Director, Department of ~~Mines and~~ Geology,*
Mysore State.

RECD. 24 AUG 1918

To

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C.S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

SIR,

Adverting to the correspondence ending with your office letter No.G.17543/Geol.120-16-13, dated 30th June 1917, I have the honor to state that, as ordered therein, a prospecting license No.463, dated 25th August 1917, for Magnesite and Chrome ore, was issued to Messrs Oakley, Bowden & Co., Madras, over a block of 2¼ square miles of land in the Mysore Taluk. The term of one year for which the license was granted expires on the 25th instant and the licensees have now applied for a renewal of the license for another year and paid into the State Huzur Treasury a sum of Rs.90/- on account of the rent for the period of renewal.

2. The licensees have been doing good work and have, up to the 30th June 1918, collected 430 tons of chrome ore and exported 368 tons and paid a royalty of Rs.276-11-4. With regard to magnesite, no work is reported to have been done by them.

3. A complaint has since been received from Mr. Mahomed Nasir-uddeen Khan, Jagirdar of Doddakatur village, in which certain lands comprised in the said license are situated, that the licensees have

failed

failed to enter into an agreement with him in regard to their continuing prospecting operations on the said lands, and it will also be seen from his letter, dated 1st August 1918, and its enclosures (submitted herewith in original for perusal and kind return) that he has filed a suit against the licensees in the Court of the Subordinate Judge of Mysore claiming, among other things, the ejectment of the licensees from the lands in question and the payment of damages, and that he protests against the renewal of the license by Government till the disposal of the suit. There is also another communication, dated 7th August 1918, from Mr. Mahomed Khan, another Jagirdar of Doddakatur, who states that the said court have issued an injunction order to Messrs Oakley, Bowden & Co., requiring them to stop work in the lands in question, as well as the removal of the chrome ore therefrom and also protests against the renewal of the license. A copy of this communication is also enclosed herein.

3. The failure, if any, on the part of the licensees to obtain the consent of the owners of the lands in question constitutes a breach of clause 8 of the prospecting license. Although the licensees have done good work and collected a large quantity of chrome ore, it would be a matter for regret if they should have committed a breach of this kind. In the present stage of affairs, I am not in a position to submit any definite recommendations in the matter of the renewal of the license. I would suggest, therefore, that the application for the renewal may be held in abeyance until the decision of the court in the matter is known or until satisfactory evidence is submitted by the licensees to show that they have effected an amicable settlement with the rightful owners of the lands in question and obtained their consent to carry on operations therein under the prospecting license.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,,

B. Jaya Ram.

Offg. Director,
Department of Geology.

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No. 734/3. Dated Bangalore, 12 September 191

From

DIARY NO. 4734

B. Jayaram, Esquire, F.G.S.,
Offg. Director,
Department of Geology.

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esquire, B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No.583, dated 18th August 1918, regarding the application from Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co., Madras, for a renewal of the prospecting license No.463 for magnesite and Chrome ~~ovens~~ over a block of 2¼ sq. miles of land in the Mysore Taluk, I have the honour to submit herewith for the information and orders of Government a copy of letter, dated 23rd August 1918, since received from them, together with their application for a mining lease over two strips of land selected by them within the area of the aforesaid prospecting license. The present application for a mining lease is stated to have been submitted because the licensees have no indication of the intention of the Durbar to grant them a renewal of the said prospecting license. I cannot see on what grounds the licensees base the apprehension that there is no indication of the intention of Government to renew the prospecting license. Of course there is the fact that the licensees have no rights to obtain a renewal of the prospecting license but they haven under Clause 15 of the license, a moral and legal claim to a mining lease. It seems,

therefore, that in virtue of their right to obtain a mining lease they have now submitted their present application, but they state they would prefer to continue to have the prospecting license if the same could be renewed.

2. The two strips of land over which a mining lease is now applied for are disconnected from each other and do not constitute a single block, although the total area of the same is only 387 acres. Each of the two strips is, therefore, to be regarded as a separate block requiring the submission of a separate application with a separate fee and the grant of a separate lease. Under Clause 15 of the prospecting license the licensees are entitled to the grant of a mining lease in respect of <u>one</u> block not exceeding one square mile in area. The grant of more than one lease is not obligatory on the part of the Government.

3. Although the applicants have done good work under the prospecting application, as already reported in para 2 of my letter No.803, dated 18th August 1918, and are also entitled to a mining lease of a block not exceeding one square mile in area, yet, in view of the circumstances mentioned in paras 3 and 4 of the same letter, it seems desirable that before the prospecting license is renewed as originally applied for or a mining lease is sanctioned, Government should be satisfied that the applicants have obtained an undisputable right to enter upon, and carry on prospecting or mining operations in the lands in the Inam village of Dodkattur comprised in the prospecting or mining block. I beg to recommend, therefore, that the applicants may be informed that their applications will be taken into consideration on their submitting to Government satisfactory evidence to show that none of the several Inamdars of the village of Dodkattur have any objection to their (the applicants) entering

upon

upon the said lands for carrying on prospecting or mining operations.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

B. Faiz Ahmad

Offg. Director,

Department of Geology.

C.N.

Letter, dated 23rd August 1918, from Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & CO.,Bangalore, to the Offg. Director, Department of Geology.

In submitting the application for the Mining Lease, we have done so as we have no indication of the intention of the Durbar to grant us renewal of License No.463 - otherwise we should have preferred to have continued our operations and prospecting which have been of some what intensive nature. During the period of our tenancy the area has been visited by Mr. Jayaram, the Head of the Geological Department, Mr. Bocquet, Chief Inspector of Mines, and Mr. Setlur and from the returns submitted to the Chief Inspector of Mines you will find that we have already sunk 6 testing shafts and driven out well down to water level. We have during the period of our tenancy extracted 516 tons of ore. Operations have now ceased as one of the Jagirdars of Dodkattur is raising difficulties. This we are however taking up in the Law Court for a clear declaration to whom the surface right belongs. The Inam right to the Jagirdar would appear to be in litigation and chaos. The surface rights are in the hands of ryots whom we have compensated. We are submitting a separate request in view of your letter No.726 of 22/9/1917 for the application of Land Acquisition Act to save further complications. We are fully prepared to equitably compensate the rightful owner of the surface rights when discovered.

Copy.

B. Jayaram.
Offg. Director,
Department of Geology.
10-9-18.

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FORM No. 4.

APPLICATION FOR A MINING LEASE.

Dated the 23rd *day of* August 1918.

To

THE DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF MINES AND
GEOLOGY, BANGALORE.

SIR,

I have the honor to apply for the grant of a mining lease to Messrs Oakley Bowden and Co. under the rules contained in Notification No. G. 3119—Geol. 40-16-2, dated 5th September 1916, over the block of land containing about 425 acres marked on the enclosed extract from the Topographical Survey Map of Mysore.

comprising two strips marked A+ B in green and

The block applied for comprises lands belonging to the villages, the names of which with the taluk and district to which each belongs, are set out in Schedule A hereto.

I enclose (receipt from the Huzur Treasury) (crossed cheque on the Bangalore Branch of the Bank of Madras, payable to the order of the Director, Department of Mines and Geology) for Rs. 100, the fee required in respect of this application.

The minerals in respect of which the lease is applied for are stated in Schedule B hereto.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) Oakley Bowden & Co

Name and address of applicant
(Write legibly) Messrs Oakley Bowden & Co
4 Lalbagh Road, Bangalore City.

SCHEDULE A.

Village.* Dorkallur (part) Chikkallur (in) Taluk. Mysore District. Mysore

* State after the name of village, if whole or part only.

SCHEDULE B.

Minerals in respect of which the application is made.

Chromite

Copy
K. Varadarajan
For Hg. Director,
Dept. of Geology

10.9.18.

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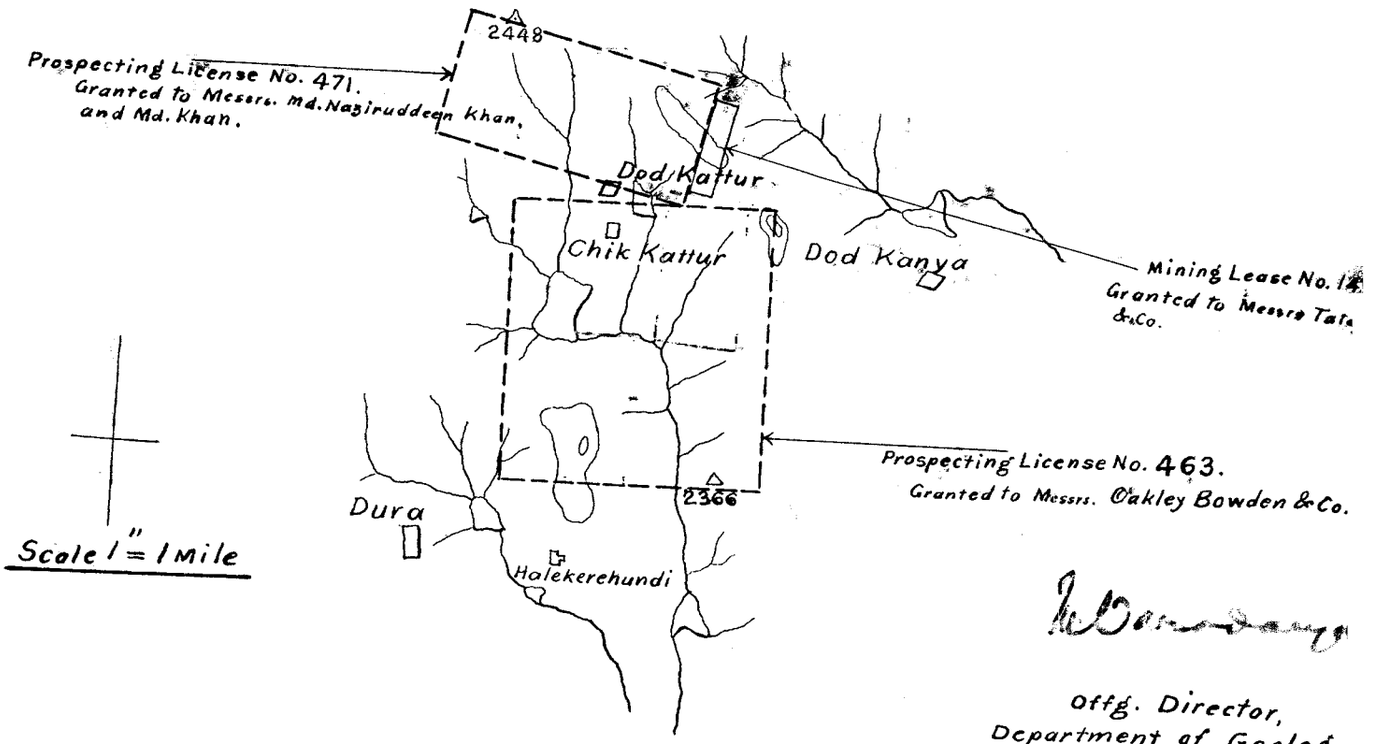

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Offg. Director,
Department of Geolog.

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SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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Date of issue 4-3-09

Signed by [signature]

Section Geol.

File No. 318

Serial No. 20

No. 4206 Dev 3

To

The Director, Dept of Mines & Geology

Sir,

With reference to your
correspondence ending with your letter No
7344/1-2-9-08 suggesting that the
application received from Messrs Oakley
Bowden & Co for the renewal of PL No 46
of land
over a block in the Ngwe Kalok be held
in abeyance until the dispute between
the lessees & the Kinmadan of the village
is settled & also forwarding an application
from the company for a mining lease for
chrome over two bluff of land selected
within the area comprised in the said

over.

P.T.O.

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licence, I am directed to state that the dispute between the licensees & the Inamdar does not affect the grant of a licence or lease of underground rights and that Govt are prepared to grant a mining lease over one of the blocks selected & to request that it may be ascertained from the applicants in respect of which block they would like to have the lease, & their reply communicated to Govt with your recommendation ~~the result of action taken in~~

~~this matter may be reported to Govt.~~

No 583 of $\frac{18}{L3}$-8-18.

The enclosures to your letter are herewith returned

Yours faithfully,

~~for~~ Secretary to Govt

List of enclosures.

Copied by

Examined by

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT.
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MINOR Depts.
20 JUN 1919

DIARY NO. 21137 19

Geol.31-18

Department of Mines and Geology,

No. 3693/ Dated, Bangalore, 17th June 1919.

From

Dr. W.F. Smeeth, M.A., D.Sc., &c.,
Director, Department of Mines and Geology,
Mysore State.

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To

C.S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of
H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.G.20630/Geol.31-18-20, dated 14th March 1919, I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of a letter, dated 6th June 1919, from Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co., stating that the block in the village of Dodkattur, Mysore Taluk, in respect of which they would like to have a mining lease, is the northern one marked "A" in the plan submitted to you with this office letter No.734, dated 12th September 1918. The area of this block is about 287 acres a small portion of which lies outside the area of the original Prospecting License No.463 overlapping a small corner of the block granted to Messrs. Mahomed Naziruddin Khan and Mahomed Khan under Prospecting License No.471. The entire area of the mining block applied for by Messrs. Oakley, Bowden & Co., is however now free, as Prospecting License No.471 has expired.

2. I do not see any objection to the grant of the mining lease and accordingly solicit orders of Government to take steps for the survey and demarcation of the block and the preparation of plans for the issue of the lease.

3. In this connection I have to invite your kind attention to your letter No.G.22075/Geol.31-18-21, dated 31st March 1919, and to state that the acquisition of the lands comprised

in

in the mining block now selected is necessary. Orders are, therefore, solicited as to whether the Deputy Commissioner, Mysore District, may be instructed to take necessary steps for the acquisition.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Director,

Department of Mines and Geology.

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Letter dated 6th June 1919 from Messrs. Oakley Bowden & Co., 4 - Lal Bagh Road, Bangalore City to the Director, Department of Mines and Geology, Bangalore.

"We are in receipt of your letter No.3281/1 of the 3rd ultimo. The strip of land over which we desire a mining lease in the Dodkattur village is the area to the north in which our prospecting shafts have been sunk."

"C O P Y".

for Director,
Department of Mines and Geology.

HRS.

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SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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Date of issue 8/7/19

Signed by [illegible]

Section Geol

File No. 31-18

Serial No. 23

No. 4496

To The Director, Dept of Mines & Geology

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter no 3593 dated 17th June 1919, I am directed to convey as recommended by you, the sanction of Govt to the grant of a mining lease to Messrs Oakley Bowden & Co for ~~chrome~~ over the northern of the two blocks of land in the Mysore Taluk shown in the Sketch accompanying your letter of 12-9-18 measuring about 287/- acres and to state that orders of Govt ~~will be obtained for~~ about the acquisition of the land empirical in

P.S. over.

may be obtained later
the municip. block if the lessee finds it
necessary and apply for such acquisition
of harvests

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List of enclosures.

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